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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman, 12-13-56, FJB:CFW:gft, same caption.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

Mr. Williams

SAC, Houston

February 4, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237 sub 18)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
IIIERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Atlanta, copies to your office, dated December 13, 1956, captioned as above.

Bufiles fail to reflect receipt of summary which was to have reached the Bureau by January 15, 1957. In the event this summary of information concerning the captioned matter has not been furnished you should do so immediately.

In the event it has been furnished advise date and caption of your communication.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub ~~18~~ 19) DATE: 2/14/57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: ~~CITIZENS COUNCILS~~
~~HOUSTON DIVISION~~
IS - X

In accordance with the instructions contained in Bureau letters to Atlanta dated 12/13/56 and 1/30/57, 10 copies of the monthly summary of information concerning citizens councils are enclosed with this letter.

Three extra copies of this memorandum are being provided to the Bureau inasmuch as the memorandum contains information concerning the Citizens League for School Home Rule (Bufile 105-42993), the Texas Citizens Council of Greater Houston (Bufile 105-44696), and the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc. (Bufile 105-53298).

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

February 14, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION

The Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., with headquarters in Houston, Texas, has collected funds to support at Austin, the capitol of Texas, an "information headquarters". The purpose of the headquarters was explained as a help for legislators at Austin to formulate segregation laws and to provide information necessary for the preparation of the laws.

The Citizens League for School Home Rule of Houston, Texas, has requested all of its members to write to their legislators and to urge them to assist in the enactment of legislation designed to support and maintain segregation in all Texas public schools.

The Texas Citizens Council of Greater Houston requested that the Harris County Commissioners permit them the use of the county courthouse for meetings. On February 4, 1957, this request of the Citizens Council was turned down by the Commissioners Court with the statement that "No single-purpose organization" such as churches or labor unions are granted use of the courthouse for meetings.

Other citizens councils within the Houston Division continue to hold business meetings and sponsor talks by speakers promoting the cause of maintaining segregation in schools and preventing the marriage of Negroes and whites.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub 18) DATE: 2/14/57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Atlanta, 12/13/56; reBulet to Houston, 2/4/57.

In accordance with instructions contained in Bureau letter of 12/13/56, cases involving citizens councils in the Houston Division were closed, either by report or memorandum, copies of which were submitted to the Bureau. Since most of these cases were closed in and around the period of January 15, 1957, no separate summary of information concerning citizens councils was furnished to the Bureau.

A summary is being prepared in accordance with instructions contained in Bureau letter, for submission to the Bureau by February 15, 1957.

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cc Mr. Kelly

SAC, Houst[illegible] 5-205) February 28, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237 sub 19)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
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Reurlet dated February 14, 1957.

Advise identity of sources of information set forth in monthly summary. In the future identify each such source in cover letter transmitting monthly summary.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub 18) DATE: 3/5/57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
HOUSTON DIVISION
IS - X

Re Houston letter 2/14/57, and Bureau letter to Houston, 2/28/57.

The information contained in referenced Houston letter concerning the Citizens Council in Texas, Inc., (Bureau File 105-53298) was obtained from articles appearing in the Houston Press, a daily newspaper in Houston, dated 1/9/57.

The information concerning the Texas Citizens Council of Greater Houston, (Bureau File 105-44696), was obtained from articles appearing in the Houston Post, a daily newspaper in Houston, dated 2/5/57.

Information concerning the Citizens League for School Home Rule, (Bureau File 105-42993), was obtained from literature sent by captioned organization to fictitious membership held by the Houston Office under the name of CALEB J. SALTON.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34,237 Sub 18) DATE: 3/14/57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

In accordance with the instructions contained in Bulets to Atlanta 12/13/56 and 1/30/57, 8 copies of the monthly summary of information concerning citizens councils in the Houston division are enclosed with this letter.

One extra copy of this memorandum is being provided to the Bureau inasmuch as the memorandum contains information concerning the Beaumont Taxpayers for Segregation and Clean Government. Since this is a newly-formed organization, the Bureau file number is not available. Information concerning this organization was obtained from articles appearing in the Beaumont Enterprise, a daily newspaper of Beaumont, Texas, on March 6 and 7, 1957.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

March 14, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION

Citizens councils operating within the Houston division have not indicated that they are disbanding or otherwise dissolving. The organizations continue to hold business meetings.

The Beaumont Taxpayers for Segregation and Clean Government of Beaumont, Texas, have newly organized and presented a slate of candidates for the Beaumont School Board races to be held on April 6, 1957. The platform of the candidates was indicated to be one of complete segregation in the public schools.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34,237 Sub ~~18~~ 19) DATE: 4/11/57 AIR 9

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: ~~CITIZENS COUNCILS~~
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

In accordance with the instructions contained in Bureau letters to Atlanta 12/13/56 and 1/30/57, ten copies of the monthly summary of information concerning citizens councils in the Houston division are enclosed with this letter.

Three extra copies of this memorandum are being provided to the Bureau since the memo contains information concerning the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC. (Bufile 105-53298); the BEAUMONT CITIZENS COUNCIL (Bufile 105-54107); and the BEAUMONT TAXPAYERS FOR SEGREGATION AND CLEAN GOVERNMENT (No Bufile).

The information contained in memorandum concerning the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC., was obtained from literature sent by this organization to a fictitious membership held by the Houston Office under the name of CALEB J. SALTON.

The information concerning the Beaumont Citizens Council was obtained from literature disseminated by the citizens council to all citizens in Beaumont.

The information concerning the BEAUMONT TAXPAYERS FOR SEGREGATION AND CLEAN GOVERNMENT was obtained from articles appearing in the Beaumont, Texas, Enterprise, a daily newspaper, on March 15, 1957, and March 19, 1957.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

April 11, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION

The Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., Houston, Texas, has continued to distribute literature concerning states rights and the problems of integration in public schools. The organization has scheduled meetings on Tuesdays of each month, and has scheduled speakers on the following subjects:

April 9 - "The Rightful Place of the Judiciary in the American System" by Mr. JOEL COOK, a Houston attorney.

April 16 - "The Income Tax" by Mr. ROBERT H. KELLEY, Houston attorney.

April 23 - "The New Confusion Called Civil Rights" by Mr. NOWLIN RANDOLPH, Houston attorney.

April 30 - "The McCarran-Walter Immigration Act" by Mr. CHILTON BRYAN, Houston attorney.

In addition, the organization has sponsored radio broadcasts on Radio Station KRTC, Baytown, Texas.

The Beaumont Citizens Council of Beaumont, Texas, has given wide public distribution of mimeographed letters containing news concerning the activities of citizens councils and, in addition, they contain editorial comments concerning matters and individuals connected with the integration movement.

By letter of March, 1957, which was attached to the literature and signed [redacted] the Beaumont Citizens Council of Beaumont, Texas, explained that they had, at the request of many of their members, instituted publication of a monthly newsletter entitled The Minute Men. The purpose of The Minute Men was to cover all items of local, national, and international interest concerning "the fight for individual rights, states rights, and the right of our children to keep our Anglo-Saxon race pure, as God intended". b6 b7C

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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION

The first edition of The Minute Men contained alleged quotations of speeches from ABRAHAM LINCOLN and his comments to and concerning the Negro race. The sheet also contained reported quotations from the Daily Worker concerning the role of Negroes in American life. In addition, the news sheet contained a section entitled "A Few Facts You May Not Know About the Negro". The alleged facts purported to show that the Negro is racially inferior to the white person and says, "It is proven the world over that black and yellow skins are a sign of mental and spiritual inferiority and that no tinged race can create a civilization."

The second copy of The Minute Men which was distributed and which is dated April, 1957, contained comment on various public personalities and events but contained comment concerning these events and their purported influence on states rights and integration of the Negro and white races.

On March 19, 1957, [redacted] directed a letter to the editor of a Beaumont newspaper stating that as chairman of the Beaumont Taxpayers for Segregation and Clean Government he wanted to clarify its functions and the reasons for its inception. He stated the organization was not in conflict with the Beaumont Citizens Council for which they have the most respect, but he stated that the Beaumont Citizens Council was pledged not to engage in active politics. On the other hand, the taxpayers group, which had identical views and sentiments on segregation, intended to engage in political activities in the interest of anti-integration and the maintenance of clean government. He further stated that he intended to engage in these activities in strict compliance with the state laws and the Constitution of the United States, but that they intended to clean out every office holder or civil appointee in the Beaumont area who did not take a public stand on continued segregation and honorable political practice and procedure.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub ~~18~~ 19) DATE: 5/13/57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

In accordance with the instructions contained in Bureau letters to Atlanta 12/13/56, and 1/30/57, nine copies of the monthly summary of information concerning citizens councils in the Houston area are enclosed with this letter.

Two extra copies of this memo are being provided to the Bureau since the memo contains information concerning the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC. (Bufile 105-53298); and the TEXAS CITIZENS COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON (Bufile 105-44696)

The information contained in memorandum concerning the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC., was obtained from literature sent by this organization to a fictitious membership held by the Houston Office under the name of CALEB J. SALTON, and from newspaper reports contained in "The Informer", a bi-weekly newspaper of Houston.

The information concerning the TEXAS CITIZENS COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON was obtained from stories appearing in the newspaper "The Informer" on 4/27/57.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Houston 2, Texas
May 13, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION

The Citizens Council of Greater Houston, headed by [redacted] called for a Segregationist March on the State Capitol by all Citizens Council Members to urge support of eight segregation measures then pending before the State Legislature. b6 b7C

"The Informer", a bi-weekly newspaper of Houston, Texas, contained an article on April 27, 1957, reflecting that the March on the State Capitol was attended by 20 plus persons. The newspaper stated that the small number was attributed to rain and to internal dissension.

The paper continued the March did not have either top-level state citizen council support or the support of pro-segregation legislators.

[redacted] left a word of warning to Texas Senators who announced they would try to filibuster against the segregation bills if they reached the floor of the senate. b6 b7C

In an article on April 13, 1957, the newspaper "The Informer" carried an article indicating that Mr. G. C. SCARBOROUGH, who is appointed to become Deputy Superintendant of Schools in the Houston Independent School District, was a member of the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Incorporated.

By letters of March 10, 1957, to its members, the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Incorporated, advised that meetings in the future would be held twice monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The meetings scheduled for the month of May, were for May 14, at which time there would be a business discussion to survey the present situation with reference to segregation. [redacted] b6 b7C

On Tuesday, May 28, the meeting scheduled would be for a full report on the several segregation bills considered and adopted by the Texas State Legislature. Also due for discussion was the Civil Rights Bill, now pending before the United States State Congress.

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CC Liaison Section
cc Mr. Williams

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Date: July 12, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

EX 105

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated July 3, 1957, prepared by the Houston Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
Air Force BY COURIER SERVICE

NOTE ON YELLOW:

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III inasmuch as the contains information relative to attempts to desegregate schools in Texas.

cc Assistant LAttorney General (Enclosure)
William F. Tompkins (By Form 0-6, same date)

Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Warren Olney III B(By Form 0-6, same date)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237, Sub 18) DATE: 7/3/57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet 6/5/57.

In accordance with instructions contained in referenced letter, this cover letter and memoranda are submitted concerning recent activities of Citizens Councils in Houston.

Two extra copies of the memoranda are being provided to the Bureau since the memorandum contains information concerning the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc. (Bureau file 105-53298) and the Texas Citizens Council of Greater Houston, (Bureau file 105-44696).

The information contained in the memorandum was obtained from reports appearing in the Houston Post, a daily newspaper of Houston, on May 21, 1957, and May 23, 1957. The general comments concerning Citizens Councils anticipated decline were obtained from editorials printed in the Informer, a bi-weekly newspaper printed in Houston by Negroes.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

July 3, 1957
Houston, Texas

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On May 20, 1957, a trial was held in United States District Court in Houston, Texas, based on a suit filed on behalf of two Negro children who sought admission to grade schools which were designated for white students only. The decision in this case has not yet been handed down. Among those present at the trial were [redacted] of the Texas Citizens Council of Greater Houston, and [redacted] the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc. [redacted] complained to the bailiff that Negroes were sitting where white persons should sit and threatened to use a hat pin if any Negro sat beside her. However, seating was orderly and unsegregated and no disturbances marked the court proceedings.

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"The Informer", a bi-weekly newspaper of Houston printed by Negroes, commented editorially that the Citizens Councils generally were losing prestige because they had failed to gain some of the major objectives of their struggle to maintain segregation between Negroes and whites. The newspaper cited as examples of waning Citizins Council power, a recent Texas state court decision, which removed the temporary injunction against operation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Texas, the failure of some proposed segregation bills to pass in the Texas Legislature, the failure to continue operation of the Harris County Courthouse Cafeteria for white patrons only, and the reaction of many white Texans against the removal of a Negro student singer from the cast of an opera being presented at the University of Texas.

On May 22, 1957, Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, widow of the former President of the United States, spoke at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston. Prior to her speech, Mrs. ROOSEVELT's secretary received a telegram signed "Texas Citizens Council" and which was addressed to Mrs. ROOSEVELT. The telegram read, "Trains and planes are going each way, goodbye Elinor, you've had your day".

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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION

During Mrs. ROOSEVELT's speech, a number of pickets marched up and down in front of the hotel bearing placards containing such slogans as "Southerners hate scalawags," "NAACP officials unwelcome," "Texas don't like carpetbaggers," "See you later agitator", and others. Among those present in the picket line were [redacted] above. The pickets distributed copies of a newspaper called "The Citizens Council". The masthead of the newspaper described it as the official publication of The Citizens Councils of America. The pickets dispersed before the conclusion of the meeting in the hotel, and Mrs. ROOSEVELT was not aware until later that picketing had taken place.

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SAC, HOUSTON (105-260)(105-205)

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA
IN TEXAS, INC.
IS-X

Rebulet to Atlanta, 10/9/57, captioned "Citizen's Councils; Internal Security - X." Bufile 105-34237.

Houston

In compliance with Bureau instructions, the following information is furnished concerning a member of the captioned citizens council and Bureau authority is requested to contact this person concerning Citizens Council matters. It is noted that this person is presently a member of the only active council in the city of Houston.

(1) Name of Individual

[redacted]

(2) Residence Address

[redacted]

(3) Occupation and Business Address

[redacted]

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(4) [redacted] of the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC. He is not an officer of this organization. [redacted] and should enjoy the confidence of the officers and members of the group. Since this is a small group, [redacted] is in a potentially good position to furnish pertinent information.

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(5) This individual has been in business in Houston as [redacted] and enjoys a favorable credit rating with the Houston Credit Bureau. He has no known criminal record. He has volunteered information to this office on a matter entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Organization for Returning Government to the People; [redacted] IS-X". This case is still under investigation. There is no indication that the information he furnished is unreliable although he may have been somewhat gullible in accepting all of the information told to him by the UNSUB as the truth. It is believed that [redacted] is a reliable on the basis of evidence to date, and it is believed that his loyalty is indicated by the fact that he volunteered the information in the first place, since he was concerned over the possibility of violence or revolutionary actions of the UNSUBS. b6 b7C b7D

(6) Houston indices contain no other information concerning [redacted]

(7) It is therefore recommended that Bureau authority be granted to contact [redacted] as an informant on Citizens Council matters within this division. Should such authority be granted, [redacted] will be contacted in accordance with previous Bureau instructions on such matters, and he will be made aware that this Bureau's interest is not in the organization as such, but in the potential for violence which might be displayedby individual members, or by outside influence. b6 b7C b7D

Mr. Killians

SAC, Houston (105-205) November 27, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237-19)

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated November 23, 1957, in which you advised that arrangements have been made for [redacted] potential security informant, [redacted] of the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Incorporated.

According to information in Bufiles, [redacted] as [redacted] Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, and was providing your office with pamphlets and publications, including copies of "The Worker," received from various organizations of similar character. [redacted] affiliation with a citizen council-type organization is inconsistent with his affiliation with organizations such as the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated. You are instructed to consider this matter and furnish the Bureau your determination as to whether or not [redacted] might be compromised as a result of his furnishing information concerning both types of organizations. In the event you determine he might be compromised a decision should be made as to which type of organization requires coverage which can be afforded by [redacted] and he should be instructed to discontinue affiliation with the other type.

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In addition, Bufiles do not reflect that authority was requested by your office to have [redacted] contacted with regard to furnishing information concerning citizens councils. Bulet of October 9, 1957, instituting this program was emphatic in that Bureau authority must be obtained prior to contacting any individuals concerning their becoming informants in this matter. In the future you will be expected to adhere strictly to these instructions.

1 - Bufile [redacted] PSI)

NOTE ON YELLOW: The Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., is the successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which organization has been cited as a communist front. Citizens councils are opposed to communism and it is inconcievable that [redacted] could legitimately belong to both types of organizations.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 11-23-57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re: Bulet to Atlanta, 10/9/57.
Houston letter to Bureau, 10/22/57.

The CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INCORPORATED (Bufile 105-53298) continues to operate in Houston and is apparently the only council presently active in the city. Coverage on this council continues to be maintained by contact with [redacted] who has an informant attending meetings of the group. A fictitious membership with a post office box address is maintained by the Houston Office for the purpose of receiving literature mailed out by the organization. In addition, this office has made arrangements with [redacted] PSI, [redacted] of the group.

[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past on matters pertaining to the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC., and has provided literature he has received from various front groups. Both [redacted] and [redacted] have been advised that this Bureau's interest does not lie in the organization, as such, but only in any indications of violence which may be exhibited.

The Houston Press, a daily newspaper, contained an article on 11/21/57 reflecting that ROBERT MILNER, Acting Chairman of the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC., had been arrested by Houston police on the previous day on a charge of being drunk. The charges were filed by an airlines captain who stated that while a passenger on a flight from New Orleans to Houston, MILNER was drunk and refused to obey the captain's order to leave the plane's galley and to sit down. MILNER was quoted as saying he would sue the airline, since he was not drunk but had become engaged in an argument with the stewardess over the segregation issue, and the stewardess, who disagreed with MILNER, had taken this means to retaliate.

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Coverage on the Citizens Council of Beaumont (Bufile 105-54107) continues to be maintained by a fictitious membership for the purpose of receiving literature, and through newspaper coverage. No information has come to the attention of this office reflecting that either of the above organizations is planning to engage in any violence, in connection with racial matters.

For further information of the Bureau, it is noted that in October, 1957, Federal Judge BEN C. CONNALLY ruled that Houston schools must integrate "with all deliberate speed". No actual date was set for integration to start. The period that this ruling could be appealed by either party has passed and no appeal was filed by either attorneys representing the Houston School Board or the plaintiff's attorneys, representing some Negro school children.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 10/22/57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION

Re: Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 10/9/57.

Although a number of Citizens Councils have been reported to the Bureau in the past as operating within the Houston Division, the number has diminished in that some of them have apparently joined together. The most active group in the City of Houston is the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., (Bureau file 105-53298). Present coverage of this group is maintained through a fictitious membership in the organization and receipt of literature from the group.

Additional coverage is provided by [redacted] a source of information of the Houston office, and [redacted] who has an informant attending meetings of the group. [redacted] has provided this office with all the information he has obtained, and he is aware that this Bureau's interest does not lie in the organization itself, but only in their potential for violence. b6 b7C b7D

Newspapers are scanned for items relating to the Citizens Councils.

A second organization which has been active, is the Beaumont Citizens Council of Beaumont, Texas. (Bureau file 105-54107). Coverage on this group is maintained by a fictitious membership for the purpose of receiving literature and in newspaper articles.

A review of the files in the Houston office is being made to determine if more adequate coverage is needed and what sources may provide this coverage.

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For information of the Bureau, there has been little activity on the part of the Citizens Councils generally since the last election held in this division. Within the past week, Federal Judge BEN C. CONNALLY has ruled that Houston Schools must integrate "with all deliberate speed". No specific date was set for integration of the schools, and to date, the reaction to this judgment on the part of the Negro Attorneys, and the Houston School Board has been cautiously favorable.

While being interviewed on another matter [redacted] in charge of Negro Personnel, advised SA [redacted] that he felt that the drive for immediate integration of the schools in Houston had pretty well run its course. He stated that unlike Dallas, where integration was ordered to begin by the middle of the present school year, Houston's approach and subsequent acceptance of it would be so gradual that there would be little opportunity for these violently opposed to find a focal point for action. It is believed that the [redacted] comment reflects the attitude of the Houston School Board, the majority of whom were elected on a platform of complete legal opposition to integration.

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1 - Mr. Williams
1 - Mr. Donohue

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HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Reurlet dated December 11, 1957, in which you advised that inasmuch as PSI [redacted] has had no actual contact with any front group or with the Communist Party and it does not appear that such opportunity will present itself in the immediate future, it is the opinion of your office that he can be of more value as a source concerning citizens councils.

Bureau authority is granted to utilize [redacted] as a source in citizens council matters. He should be instructed to discontinue efforts to contact the Communist Party and to let various subscriptions to Party and front publications expire.

Due to [redacted] efforts should be made to supplement coverage of citizens councils with additional sources.

1 - [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

As indicated above, [redacted] has been attempting to become active in connection with the Communist Party or fronts. He has been unsuccessful so far although he has subscribed to various publications. Houston advised his services can be better utilized in connection with citizens councils. Bufiles have been reviewed concerning him previously and no derogatory information located [redacted] is [redacted] however, is able [redacted] with whom he comes in contact. He has been a PSI since 1954.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-19) DATE: 12-11-57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

RE Houston letter to the Bureau, 11-23-57
Bureau letter to Houston, 11-27-57

[redacted] PSI, has been contacted by Agents of the Houston Office since his arrival in Houston from New Orleans in November, 1955. Since that time [redacted] has furnished reliable information on certain matters, and has provided pamphlets and publications he received from various front groups, although he has no actual contact with any front group or with the Communist Party. Due to the inactivity of the Communist Party in Houston, there has been no opportunity to place [redacted] in a position to be recruited by the Party. While [redacted] is willing to continue standing by awaiting an opportune time to enter the Party or a front group, it does not now appear that such opportunity exists or will present itself in the immediate future. As a result of this, it has been the intention of this office to discontinue contacting [redacted] as a potential security informant.

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Bureau letter to Atlanta, 10-9-57, instructed that offices should consider the recruitment of proven informants in the security and criminal fields who could become members of Citizen's Councils. [redacted] was contacted on this matter and it is the opinion of this office that he could be of more value as an informant in this matter than as a potential Security informant. The probability exists, that should his

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association with the councils become known to the Communist Party or front groups, he would not be considered a suitable recruit for the Party. However, since the Party is not aware of his existance, except as a name on a mailing list, it does not appear that anything would be gained by continuing to consider him as a possible security informant.

[redacted] Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., but the Fund has no chapter in Houston, and [redacted] association with it started in [redacted] He had maintained his membership by mail only since his arrival in Houston. b6 b7C b7D

Secondarily, it is felt that any danger of compromise in the situation is minimized by the method of operation of the Citizen's Council.

Meetings of the Council are advertised openly prior to the meeting, they are open to the public and a person attending need not join or sign his name to anything he does not care to. Any person could attend each meeting held to date, merely as an observer. It would not be inconsistent for [redacted] in his role as an independent, liberal person to attend meetings of the Council merely to satisfy his personal curiosity.

Bureau authority is therefore requested to continue utilizing [redacted] as an informant on Citizen's Councils matters. Since he has no information to offer on other phases of the security field, he will be instructed to discontinue any efforts he has made to contact the Communist Party, and to let his various subscriptions to Communist Party and front publications expire. b6 b7C b7D

The following information is submitted in accordance with instructions in Bureau letter of 10-9-57:

(1) Full Name of Individual [redacted]

(2) Residence Address [redacted]
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(3) Occupation.
Business Address [redacted]
Houston, Texas

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(4) [redacted] is not an officer or member of the Council. He is in position to furnish information as a private citizen who is free to attend meetings. Since memberships are continually solicited, [redacted] could join the Council at any time it appeared desireable. As of now, a membership would not apparently enhance his position.

(5) [redacted] has been contacted by Agents of the [redacted] and Houston FBI Offices for about three years. The information he has furnished in the past on other matters has been reliable and factual. The Bureau is referred to Bureau file [redacted] PSI.

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In accordance with instructions in referenced Bureau letter, no further contacts will be made with any individual to become an informant in this field, without first securing specific Bureau approval.

1 - Mr. Williams

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rourlet dated December 26, 1957.

Coverage of the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Incorporated, as set forth in referenced letter is deemed inadequate. You must not rely on an informant of B'nai B'rith to keep your office advised concerning activities of this organization. Receipt of literature and review of newspapers is not sufficient to determine in advance contemplated violence or violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction in which this organization might engage.

The same comments apply to your coverage of the Citizens Council of Beaumont.

The purpose of the Bureau's program in developing sources in citizens councils is to obtain in advance information concerning contemplated acts of violence or violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction in which councils might engage. Until such time as you can assure the Bureau that you have coverage which will guarantee the receipt of this type of information your coverage is inadequate.

In view of the above you are instructed to intensify your efforts to obtain sufficient coverage in these organizations. This matter will be closely followed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12-26-57

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Houston letter to Bureau, 11-23-57 and 12-11-57.

The CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC. (Bufile 105-53298) continues to be the only active group in the City of Houston. Coverage on this group is maintained through newspapers and through the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which has a person in attendance at meetings. A fictitious membership is maintained by the Houston Office for the purpose of receiving literature.

Referenced Houston letters report that [redacted] would attend and report on meetings held by this group. However, due to other circumstances, it has been determined not to utilize [redacted] for this purpose. b6 b7C b7D

Only two meetings of the above group have been held since submission of the last letter. One meeting was taken up with explanations by the temporary chairman, ROBERT MILNER, JR., that he was not drunk as charged in the newspapers on a flight from New Orleans to Houston. The Houston Chronicle, a daily newspaper of Houston, contained an article on 12-17-57 indicating that MILNER had appeared in court in Houston regarding these charges and the case was dismissed for lack of prosecutive witnesses.

The Houston Post, a daily newspaper of Houston, contained an article on December 11, 1957, reflecting that at a meeting of the Council on December 10, 1957, a reporter for the newspaper was manhandled while attending a meeting. The reporter was talking to MILNER at the time, and was grabbed from behind by an unidentified man, who twisted the reporter's arms behind his back while MILNER took away a sheaf of CITIZENS COUNCIL literature and then warned the reporter to leave. MILNER then threatened the Post and the Houston Press with boycott or boycott of their advertisers "If the newspapers smear the Citizens Council".

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Coverage on the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF BEAUMONT (Bufile 105-54107) is maintained by a fictitious membership. No information has come to the attention of this office reflecting that either of these two organizations are planning or contemplating any violence in connection with racial matters.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-19) DATE: 1/23/58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re: Houston letter to Bureau, 12/26/57.
Bureau letters to Houston, 12/27/57, 1/7/58,
and 1/13/58.

The Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., (Bureau file 105-53298) continues to be the only active group within the city of Houston. Citizens Council of Beaumont, (Bureau file 105-54107), is not known to have met during the preceding period.

Bureau authority was granted to utilize PSI [redacted] as a source in Citizens Councils matters. However, prior to receipt of this authority [redacted] advised he was contacted by the newly formed chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union in Houston, of which [redacted] The new chapter is headed by attorneys in Houston who are closely associated with Communist Party members in Houston and as a result it is felt that [redacted] chances of making contact with the local CP is greatly enhanced. As a consequence his efforts will be directed toward obtaining information concerning the CP and UACB he will be instructed to discontinue any contacts with the Citizens Council. Coverage on the councils in this division is maintained through newspapers, a fictitious membership for the purpose of receiving literature and through information supplied on the council in Houston by an informant of the Anti-Defamation League.

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The Bureau's comments concerning the inadequacy of this coverage are noted and efforts are being made to place live informants into these organizations; however, necessary information will be supplied and the Bureau will be requested to authorize use of these informants prior to their entry into the organization.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-19) DATE: 2/20/58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZEN's COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReHOlet to Bureau 1/23/58.

The Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., (Bufile 105-53298), continues to be the only active group within the city of Houston. Citizens Council of Beaumont, (Bufile 105-54107), is not known to have been active during the preceding period.

The Citizens Council of America in Texas is presently conducting a campaign for more members and has set a Texas goal of 50,000. A meeting was held on 2/11/58, at which time this membership drive was discussed. A meeting is scheduled for 2/25/58, at which time a guest speaker, the [redacted] will speak on the subject "Is It Possible the Enemy Is Using Some of Our Churches to Further Communism?".

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A letter has been submitted to the Bureau for approval to contact [redacted] the Council, as a PSI. Another current member is also under consideration by this office at present for submission as a PSI.

Due to inactivity of the Beaumont Council, a source within the group has not yet been developed, however, this matter is receiving continuing attention. This office continues to maintain a fictitious membership in both organizations for the purpose of receiving literature, and the newspapers are followed for any news of interest. In addition, the Houston office continues to receive information from the Anti-Defamation League concerning Citizens Council matters.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-19) DATE: 3/17/58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZEN's COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re: Houston letter to Bureau, 2/20/58.

The Citizen's Council of America in Texas, Inc., (Bufile 105-53298) is the only active council in the Houston Division at present. Citizen's Council of Beaumont (Bufile 105-54107) has shown no sign of activity during the preceding period.

The Citizen's Council of America in Texas, Inc., above, is continuing a campaign to recruit more members. The organization has recently moved to a new and more permanent location at 3103 Fannin in Houston and in a recent letter to members it was noted that "we have a 12x44 foot room in which to hold our evening meetings."

The schedule of the group for the month of March consists of an open house at council headquarters on March 11. A repeat open house for members who could not previously attend, on March 14, and a business meeting scheduled for March 25, with an unannounced guest speaker.

Bureau approval has been given for this office to contact [redacted] the Council as a PSI. In addition, this office has been preparing necessary information to submit to the Bureau for approval to contact [redacted] and a letter will be submitted at an early date.

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Coverage continues to be maintained through fictitious membership to receive literature, ~~newspaper accounts~~, information received from the Anti-Defamation League and the prospective live informants mentioned above.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 4/15/58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZEN's COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re: Houston letter to Bureau, 3/17/58.

The Citizen's Council of America in Texas, Inc., (Bufile 105-53298) continues to be the only active council in the Houston Division at present.

The organization is presently conducting a membership drive with a goal of 50,000 additional members by 5/1/58. The organization is preparing for the coming elections and has as its goal in Harris County (Houston) to win a majority of members of the United Democratic Executive Committee. The council has emphasized that the Citizen's Council as such has no candidate for office, but is an additional group whose business is to learn how candidates running for important offices stand on vital questions.

In the meetings scheduled for April, the meeting on April 8, 1958, was to be taken up with an explanation of what a precinct meeting is, its importance and how to organize and conduct a precinct meeting. A meeting was also scheduled for April 22, but no program had been arranged.

The Houston Office continues to maintain coverage of this organization through a fictitious membership for the purpose of obtaining literature, newspaper accounts, information received from the Anti-Defamation League and informant [redacted] the council.

Referenced Houston letter indicated that this office was preparing to request Bureau authorization for approval to contact [redacted] However, [redacted] has received considerable publicity and as a consequence it was deemed impossible to make contact with [redacted] at this time.

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The Houston Office is in contact with possible panel sources [redacted] and a letter will be submitted at an early date on these individuals. b6 b7C b7D

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 5-15-58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZEN'S COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

RE Houston letter to the Bureau, 4-15-58.

The Citizen's Council of America continues to be the only active council in the Houston Division. (Bufile 105-53298.) The Citizen's Council of Beaumont (Bufile 105-54107) has not met in several months, nor have mailings of the publication "The Minute Man", been distributed by the organization for several months.

[redacted] Beaumont, Texas, who has been active in the Citizen's Council movement in the past and who more recently had been reported to have been appointed the [redacted] of Texas for the Ku Klux Klan of North Carolina, was arrested in Beaumont during the preceding month and charged with first degree murder in the shooting of his [redacted] has been unable to secure his freedom on bond to date, since his applications for a writ of habeas corpus have been denied by the local courts.

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Meetings of the Citizen's Council of America in Texas, Inc. continue to be held every other week at the council headquarters in Houston at 3103 Fannin Street. At the meeting on May 13, 1958, [redacted] of the council, spoke concerning a current controversy in Houston about the construction of a new County-City hospital. The council has distributed a letter to its members concerning this hospital and has alleged flagrant abuses of the free facilities by Negroes at the present hospital.

CITIZEN'S COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC.

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During his talk, [redacted] mentioned that he had usually received fair treatment from the newspapers concerning speeches and remarks made by him.

TEX. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC. [redacted] reported that a special meeting would be called for May 20, at the Anderson Rhodes Civic Club Building and the speaker would be [redacted] an attorney of Houston. The topic was to be on the new hospital and on the current political scene, and possibly on charges made in the "Houston Post", a daily newspaper, that the business affairs of the Houston school district had been mismanaged. SPEAKERS CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC. TEX.

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The next regular meeting on May 27, will feature [redacted] His topic was not announced.

TEX. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC. [redacted] asked for more office help in the mailing of literature. For the confidential information of the Bureau, the informant utilized by the Anti-Defamation League in Houston [redacted] TEX.

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Literature available for those attending the meeting included copies of the pamphlet "The Highlander Folk School of Tennessee", which is printed and distributed by the Georgia Commission of Education. In addition, there were reprints of articles appearing in local newspapers concerning political and racial matters generally.

[redacted] of the Anti-Defamation League had estimated the current membership of the council at no more than 110 members. About 60 persons normally attend meetings, although the last meeting had 80 in attendance. The council hall does not have facilities for more than about 100 persons. [redacted] estimates that more than 110 persons contribute to the group, but feels that the figure is quite small.

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The council is usually plagued with an inadequate operating budget and makes frequent appeals for funds, even

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though supported by some wealthy men. [redacted] hinted that the council would probably soon have a generous operating fund, apparantly alluding to a $2,000,000.00 slander suit he had pending against American Airlines. The details of this suit have previously been furnished to the Bureau.

1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Houston (105-205)

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Courlet dated May 15, 1958.

No information is set forth in relet concerning a program of your office to obtain additional coverage in the Citizen's Council of America in Texas, Incorporated.

The Houston Office should not rely on the informant of the Anti-Defamation League in this organization but should take affirmative steps immediately to secure other coverage in this group. In the event of racial difficulties which might occur in your territory in the Fall of 1958 or subsequently, you will be expected to have sufficient coverage to advise concerning violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction or possible violence on the part of such organizations.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 6/16/58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re: Houston letter to Bureau, 5/15/58.

The Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., continues to be the only active Citizens Council in the Houston Division (Bufile 105-53298).

The Citizens Council of Beaumont (Bufile 105-54107) has not met in several months. The Houston Office has been in contact with [redacted] This individual [redacted] He received literature for a period of time, but advised on 5/2/58 that he did not believe the group was now meeting. He stated that he had made inquiry of other former members and was of the opinion that the Council was disbanded. He said he would make further inquiry in this regard. b6 b7C b7D

On 5/20/58 Informant advised that all his inquiries had resulted in negative results.

On 5/7/58 Mayor JIMMY COKINOS, Beaumont, advised SA FRANK E. ROOKS, JR., that he believed the Citizens Council to be defunct. He said he had made it a point to keep abreast of activities of the Council, but had concluded that the Council was wasting away from lack of support. He noted that during its active period, the Council had been largely peaceful and law abiding in their efforts to resist integration. The only real trouble makers had been [redacted] and [redacted] is now in jail on a first degree murder charge, which has no racial aspect. [redacted] influence b6 b7C

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has largely waned since people in Beaumont did not want violence. Mayor COKINOS pointed out that Lamar College in Beaumont which had been the scene of some demonstrations when it was first integrated in 1956, was now very peacefully operating, fully integrated, and no problems had arisen which the school administration had not been able to cope with.

He noted that there is no present plan for integration of public schools in Beaumont, and the only way he could foresee any racial troubles would be through some spontaneous action that no one could predict. Mayor COKINOS noted that he had instructed the Beaumont Police to break up any meeting or demonstration which might cause conflict between races and he had impressed on the police the necessity for being completely impartial in their dealings with both white and Negro citizens.

In connection with the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., in Houston, this office has submitted letters requesting authorization to utilize the services of [redacted] of the Council, as Panel Sources. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was the scheduled speaker for the Council meeting on May 27. His topic was generally on political matters and the Houston School Board. A business meeting was scheduled for June 10, 1958, and a general meeting was also scheduled for June 24, 1958.

The above individuals, all commenting separately, have advised that the Citizens Council is primarily a conservative, States Rights group. Segregation and integration are issues that concern the Council only because they are issues where the Federal Government is clearly opposing the will of the majority of the people in the local area, by insisting through the Supreme Court that the schools be segregated.

[redacted] has advised that if any school district in this area voted by popular referendum to integrate the schools, the Citizens Council would take no action or lodge b6 b7C

any sort of protest, since it would be a case of local persons, governing themselves. The last session of the Texas legislature passed a law which in effect threatened the withdrawal of state support for any school district which integrated its schools without first submitting the plan to the qualified voters by referendum. This was a measure supported by Councils of the State of Texas and should the provisions of this law be met, the Council would accept that fact without any further action. He noted that some of the school districts south of Houston had integrated without incident.

All of the above men have advised that if integration should be forced without the referendum, then the Council would seek all legalmeans to set aside the court order, or to delay the implementation of such order until the people affected could vote. Should the popular vote reject integration, then the Council would continue to oppose integration by all legal means. None of the above persons have suggested that the violence is a part of the Council program.

In addition to this coverage, the Houston Office continues to keep informed concerning Council activities through the local newspapers, through a fictitious membership for receiving literature and through contact with the Anti-Defamation League.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 6/18/58

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FROM : SAC, HOUSTON [redacted] (105-260)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC.
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Rebulet to Atlanta, 10/9/57, captioned Citizens Council; Internal Security - X.

Bureau authority is requested to contact the following individual in connection with Citizens Council matters in Houston.

1. Name: [redacted]

2. Residence Address: [redacted] Houston, Texas.

3. Occupation: [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Citizens Council. He is [redacted] the organization, although he is believed to [redacted] of the Council. He is [redacted]

5. [redacted] is a long-time, [redacted] of Houston. While he has never been contacted specifically on Citizens Council matters, he has commented in general conversation to agents on the problems of integration and the Citizens Council aims. His comments and statements in these matters have proven to be correct. [redacted] has expressed his admiration for the FBI and its methods of investigation. He is aware of this Bureau's interest in matters pertaining to possible violence in connection with racial matters, and is aware that the Bureau has no interest in the ordinary internal affairs of the Citizens Council.

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6. There is no information in the Houston files which would appear to make contact with [redacted] inadvisable. b6 b7C b7D

7. I therefore recommend that Bureau authority be granted for permission to contact [redacted] in connection with Citizens Council activities in Houston.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 6/18/58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-260)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IN TEXAS, INC.
IS-X

Re: Bureau letter to Atlanta, 10/9/57, captioned Citizens Council; Internal Security-X.

Bureau authority is requested to contact the following individual in connection with Citizens Council matters in the Houston Division.

1. [redacted]

2. Residence Address: [redacted] Houston, Texas.

3. Occupation: [redacted] and [redacted] Houston, Texas.

4. [redacted] Citizens Council. He is not [redacted] but is felt to [redacted] the council.

5. [redacted] involving integration matters in the past. He is a reputable person, and apparently [redacted] has not previously been contacted specifically on matters pertaining to Citizens Councils although he has commented in general conversation to an agent on these matters. He is aware that the Bureau's interest lies only in the potential for violence displayed by some persons toward integration and is aware that the Bureau has no interest in the ordinary internal affairs of the Council.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 7/14/58

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (105-205)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 10/9/57.

The Citizens Council of Beaumont, (Bureau File 105-54107) has not met in several months. The Houston Division is maintaining contact with [redacted] b7D in order to be aware of reactivation of the group. In addition, the Houston Division has a fictitious membership in the group for the purpose of receiving literature. It is presumed that the fictitious name is still on the list, although no literature has been disseminated for several months.

The Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., (Bureau File 105-53298) continues to meet twice monthly in Houston. Coverage on this group is maintained through Source of Information [redacted] (Bureau File [redacted] through comments volunteered by Council Members [redacted] The Houston Office maintains a membership under a fictitious name for the purpose of receiving literature from the group, and is in contact with [redacted] b6 b7C b7D the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which also has an informant in the council. Houston newspapers, and those of surrounding cities are carefully reviewed for news pertaining to these matters.

[redacted], above and [redacted] above, have both advised that recent meetings of the Council have been taken up with discussions of acceptable candidates for the coming primary elections. The recent meetings have not been concerned with integration as such, and there has been no indication that the group as a group or individually would resort to extralegal action to block integration.

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The stand of the candidates on integration has not been an issue to date, although it is presumed the Council would not support anyone endorsing integration. Since there is no School Board election at this time, the issue of integration has not yet been injected into the campaigns to date.

No other councils are known to be operating in the Houston Division.

1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Houston (105-205) July 24, 1958

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
HOUSTON DIVISION
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Reurlet July 14, 1958.

In view of the contents of Bulet to Atlanta dated June 13, 1958, captioned "Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X," copies of which were furnished Houston, it will not be necessary for your office to continue to submit monthly letters in this matter.

Of course, any pertinent information received dealing with racial situation in general or citizens councils specifically should be furnished the Bureau promptly.

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Director, FBI (62-101087-46)

RACIAL SITUATION
HOUSTON DIVISION

Reurairtel dated February 7, 1958.

In connection with current litigation concerning desegregation of the public schools in Houston, Texas, you are requested to furnish the Bureau promptly with the following information:

1. A brief, concise summary of legal action taken and contemplated in connection with the desegregation of the public schools in Houston.

2. Names, identities of officers and other pertinent information regarding organizations which may be involved. These organizations may include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), citizens councils and others. Include background information and subversive information, if available, on officers.

3. All informants and sources in each organization which may become involved who are in a position to keep your office advised of developments.

4. A brief picture of the general racial conditions which exist.

After submission of the requested information furnish the Bureau with a concise monthly summary of all additional pertinent information received in these categories. Such summaries should be prepared and transmitted so as to reach the Bureau no later than the 20th of each month.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the Bureau has no investigative jurisdiction over such matters as civil demonstrations, race riots, and similar developments.

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However, the Bureau does have the responsibility of advising appropriate agencies and officials on both a national and local level of all pertinent information received concerning such incidents. The Bureau cannot emphasize too strongly the urgency of this matter. It will be your personal responsibility to see that all necessary arrangements are made to insure that all developments of this type occurring within your territory are promptly reported to your office and on receipt thereof furnished to the Bureau promptly on a continuing basis. Such information should be furnished to the Bureau by airtel in memorandum form suitable for dissemination unless the information is of such a nature that a more expeditious means of communication is deemed warranted. Any information in the afore-mentioned categories which is so furnished to the Bureau should subsequently be included in the next regular summary submitted.

Racial matters must be handled most discreetly and no open investigation of racial situations per se should be conducted.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The Houston Public Schools are under Federal court order to integrate although no specific date has been set for such integration to begin. It is anticipated that the court order will be issued directing integration of such schools by September, 1958. Felt desirable that the Bureau obtain the information requested and follow Houston closely to insure that Houston will be on top of the situation if difficulty should develop.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12/5/62

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (157-296)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

RE: Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 11/20/62.

[redacted] b6 b7C Anti-Defamation League, Houston, Texas, has advised that there are no active Citizens Councils in the territory covered by the Houston Office. The last such activity was in the Citizens Council of America in Texas, Inc., Houston File 105-260, Bureau File 105-53298. This organization has been defunct for approximately eight months and has had no meetings and made no literature distribution. They formerly published a paper, but this paper has not been published in nearly a year.

In view of the above, no itemized letter is being submitted. It is pointed out, however, that this office does have sources of information who furnished in the past information regarding the Citizens Councils, and in the event such councils are re-activated they will again be of assistance to this office and the Bureau.

There appears to be no potential for violence from this unorganized group at the present time. Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C has advised that many of the former members have gone into other organizations, such as the established Democratic and Republican Parties, and some were active in the National Indignation Conventions. He pointed out, however, that the National Indignation Convention is also defunct in Houston at the present time and does not have an established office or officers.

This matter will be closely followed, and in the event a potential dangerous situation arises, the Bureau will be advised immediately.

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Re Mlet to Bureau 9/10/57 and 12/11/57.

1. Residence and Employment

No change.

2. Current Membership in Subversive Organizations

[redacted] Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

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3. Summary of Information Furnished

[redacted] has furnished copies of "The Worker", and other publications he has received. These have been destroyed as being of no pertinent value. He attended a meeting of a local Citizens Council and furnished a written report concerning the meeting.

4. Amounts Paid

11/27/57, $10.00 expenses, (SAC Authority).
Total amount paid to date on SAC authority - $72.50.

5. Meetings Attended and Other Activity

One meeting of a local Citizens Council.

Informant has no contact with local CP or front groups.

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Recently a chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union was formed in Houston with several attorneys who have been closely associated with the CP in attendance. Informant [redacted] will contact local chapter and it is hoped he will be put in contact with persons who may introduce him into the Party.

6. Reports Submitted

One written report.

Informant contacted on nine occasions since submission of last letter.

7. Information Furnished of Unusual Value

None

8. Approximate Number of Persons on Whom Informant Reported and Their Importance

No CP or front group members.

9. Informant's Potential for Advancement

Limited due to Party inactivity.

10. Stability and Reliability

No personal weaknesses, indications of instability, untrustworthiness, unreliability or similar problems on part of informant were noted during this period.

11. Indoctrination Against Disclosure

Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with this Bureau.

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12. Action Taken on Information Furnished

All necessary action has been taken on information furnished and information channelized to proper files where pertinent.

13. Miscellaneous

Informant utilized briefly on Citizens Council matters. See relet 12/11/57. Will not again be used on Citizens Council matters, since possibility now exists that he effect contact with local CP through new chapter of ACLU formed in Houston.

14. It is recommended that informant continue to be contacted as a PSI. Should it appear that he later is in a position to furnish pertinent information, recommendation will be submitted to symbolize this informant and to make regular payments.